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188th MP Co Earns High Honors from DA

By 1st Lt. Ranjini Danaraj

On the door to the Commander's office reads the following: "Shut up and train." Following the motto of the 188th

Military Police Company states the message "Every day that you train is judgment day. Each alert, each round matters. You don't make time for talk. All you care about is moving troops. Nothing else. You know



Photo by Spc. Olubunmi Babalola

U.S., ROK Soldiers charged at the enemy position during the live-fire exercise conducted this past June at Bojeol Range



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

188th MP Soldiers respond to an enemy attack during the company's evaluation in June

that if you don't give it your all, your whole movement is ruined. This is sacrifice. This is hard-core. This is Warfighter Country."

The above quote is the

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Force Protection Information

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If you find yourself in one of these areas and need assistance simply call **112** for the Korean National Police. If in Seoul dial **02-7914-3004** or **3005** for Yongsan's military police.

If in other area of Korea, soldiers and their families can refer to the emergency phone numbers on the USFK SOFA card.

Reminder: All USFK Personnel and their family members are required to carry a SOFA card at all times. Be safe and use the Buddy System

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essence of the mentality for the 188th Military Police Company, a mentality that has served the unit well in the past year. Just recently the Department of the Army recognized the "Original Warfighters" as the first runner-up for the prestigious Brigadier General Jeremiah P. Holland Award. This award recognizes the best tactical MP Company in the MP corps.

This was a crowning

achievement for a company that has set the standard in the brigade. In the fiscal year 2003, the 188th MP Co posted outstanding weapons statistics, great Physical Training scores and an incredible retention and re-enlistment rate.

The numbers speak for themselves, but the unit was also able to pull off the first convoy live-fire exercise in brigade history and receive outstanding



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

Sgt. Maj. Richard C. Morris, 2ID, awards the SAMC medalion to Staff Sgt. Norman C. Laird, 188th platoon sergeant

marks from across the brigade on thier flawlessly execute during the company evaluation. The success at Bojeol range, where they conducted a complex platoon live-fire exercise with integration from the 1st Republic of Korea's Marine Military Po-



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

Pfc. Scott Oliverio, fourth platoon, secures his area during the 188th gunnery conducted in October

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lice Division also led to their selection by the ROK Army as being one of the top five combat ready units on the peninsula.

In addition to being "Warfighters" on the battlefield, the soldiers of the 188th Military Police Company were also dynamic in the athletic arena. During the 2003 fiscal year, the "Original Warfighters" excelled to unparalleled levels as two of the company's Soldiers place 1st and 3rd out of all enlisted troops who finished the Bataan Death March qualifier. They also had an All-Army softball starter and Area IV tennis champion. The unit's success in sports won them the Area IV volleyball and soccer titles, as well as the coveted Area IV Commander's Cup for athletics.

The company also led the way in Army Emergency Relief donations, Association United States Army memberships and Audie Murphy Club inductions, the "Original Warfighters" provided professional law enforcement and force protection to the Taegu area. Accolades from the Area IV community continued to pour in as Soldiers from the 188th displayed a level of disciplined and professional appearance while performing their duties.

The unit placed second to the 615th Military Police Company out of Grafenwoehr, Germany, now serving in Iraq helping to stand up and operate Iraqi police stations in Baghdad.

Capt. Jeffrey D. Smith, 188th MP Co. commander, had this to say of the accomplishment, "This award is a testament to the men and women who serve or have served in this unit in the past year. We expect and do more in a day than most units in the Army. I am proud to serve with the fine Soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers in the Mighty 188th Military Police Company."

The unit hopes to be a front runner for the JP Holland Award next year, but won't settle for second two years in a row. Once again, the "Original Warfighters" are still "setting the standards higher".



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

Soldiers from the 188th MP Co. and Marines from the 1st ROK Marine Division practice their movement techniques. The exercise was held this past November



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

Col. Peter M. Champagne, 8th MP Bridage commander, speaks with 188th MP soliders and Marines from the 1st ROK Marine Div after the conclusion of the live-fire exercise

Shut Up



And Train

Servicemembers across Korea conduct day of training

By Pfc. Alex Licea

The 8th Military Police Brigade along with units across the Korean peninsula conducted New Horizons Day Training on Tuesday.

New Horizons Day is an Eighth United States Army program informing servicemembers across “the land of the Morning Calm” on the current operational environment in Korea, field training and vehicle safety, cultural differences, and highlighted the strength of the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance.

New Horizons Day training is also intended to integrate, coordinate, and help soldiers understand EUSA’s contributions and understanding the ROK-U.S. alliance.

A pre-recorded message by Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, 8th Army commander, started the training for New Horizons Day which was titled “Do the right thing.”

During the message, Campbell emphasized the challenges soldiers face during their service in Korea, the ability of “making good choices” and his confidence in the abilities of the U.S.-ROK forces.

“The ROK-U.S. alliance is ready to fight together and fight tonight,” said Campbell in his message.

All soldiers from the 8th MP Bde, including both battalions and all companies, gathered at specific areas to at-



Photo by Pfc. Alex Licea

1st Sgt. Anthony L. Manning spoke with Soldiers about his personal experiences while on a overseas assignment and encouraged his troops to enjoy their tour of Korea

tend the training.

The day-long training focused on a variety of topics such as the operations and mission of the Korean National Police, human trafficking, driving safety, Korean culture and the continuing mission of the U.S.-ROK alliance.

Classes were held throughout the day informing soldiers across the 8th MP brigade on different subjects about service



Photo by Cpl Min, Kyung-nam

Sgt. Kim, Han-jong gave an informative class on the Korean National Police

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in Korea. Each class was an open forum where soldiers, non-commissioned officers and officers of the "Watchdog" brigade voiced their views and opinions. Each class was 30 to 45 minutes long and many portions of training consisted of a video or slide presentation.

KATUSA soldiers also gave a class on the KNP program. They explained the mission of the

police force and its dedication to serve both Korean civilians and personnel assigned to the United States Forces Korea.

The purpose of New Horizons Day training is to tell the 8th Army story and inform soldiers during their tour in Korea. The campaign is a semi-annual program which is conducted every January and July throughout the brigade and 8th Army.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Photo courtesy of Spc. John Matthew La Schuma

RE-UP MP Style

Spc. John Matthew La Schuma, 94th MP Bn Traffic Accident Investigator, re-enlisted on top of Maj, David Deadrich's, Deputy Provost Marshall for Area two and three, desk during a ceremony on Dec 17. La Schuma enlisted for three years plus a 18 month extension in Korea



CULTURAL NOTE: Did you Know ...

There is a Korean proverb that states the following:
"The belly button is bigger than the belly." The meaning behind the proverb is that sometimes a secondary item is either more important, more meaningful, or more costly than the main item itself.

55th MP visit Korean Retirement Home

Story, photos by 2nd Lt. Gennelle Lee

Each month, the 55th Military Police Company “War pigs” work with their Korean MP counterparts from the Republic of Korea Army II Corps MP Company led by Capt Yang, Kun Gil in volunteering at the House of New Life nursing home located in Chuncheon.

The House of New Life is a very unique nursing home. The residents who live at the home have no family members and no means of financial support. The only assistance they receive to offset costs and requirements come from the city itself which gives the home \$200 a month.

Currently there are 24 elderly citizens living in the home. Mr. Yoon, Byoung Joo, owner and manager of the local charity nursing home, provides his residents with clothing, food and medical needs.

During the holiday season the “War pigs” brought their youthful and therapeutic energies to the residents. The holiday cheers were led by Sgt. Maj Ahn, Chul Woong, ROKA II Corps MP Sergeant major, and Capt. Marcus Vartan, 55th MP Co. commander.

During the visit to the home, the US and ROK Soldiers were broken down into two groups. One group stayed outside to help decorate the tree and entrance of the nursing



Members of the 55th MP Co pose with Soldiers of the ROK II Corps MP Co in front of the House of Life nursing home

home while the other group enjoyed a festival meal with all the trimmings. The visit was concluded with Christmas Carols, dancing and even a little guitar playing.

However, the holiday cheer was far from over as six residents from the nursing home

were transported to the Community Activities Center (CAC) on Camp Page as honored guests of the 55th MP Company Christmas dinner the following day.

After dinner, Soldiers

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Soldiers and elderly residents from the nursing home come together during the holiday season

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proudly showed the residents and volunteers of the House of Life the CAC facilities. After video presentations and entertainment, bowling, and singing songs residents had an opportunity to relax and take in the holiday atmosphere of Camp Page.

At the end of the visit, Mr. Yoon, expressed his thanks to the 55th MP Company on behalf of the House of Life staff and residents for making this holiday season memorable for the residents.

Looking back on the event, Vartan stated, "I know

when I am old and in a home, I will definitely appreciate having young people coming to visit me. Young people can bring so much positive energy to the elderly, that's why we will continue to strengthen our bonds with the residents and staff of the House of Life Nursing Home."

양로원을 방문한 55헌병 중대

Translation to Hangul by Cpl. Min, Kyung Nam

55헌병 중대는 매월 대한 민국의 양건길 대위가 이끄는 2군 사령부 헌병대와 함께 춘천에 있는 '새 삶의 집'이라는 양로원을 방문한다.

이 양로원은 매우 독특한 곳이다. 여기에 거주하는 사람들은 모두 가족도 돈도 없는 사람들이다. 이들은 춘천시에서 매달 200달러 정도의 보조금을 받는다.

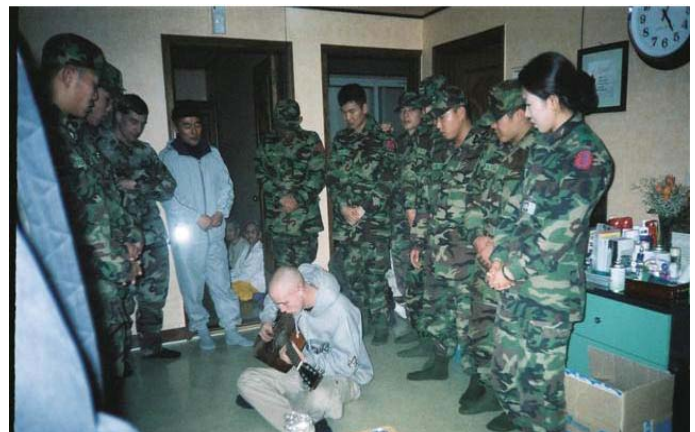
현재는 24명의 노인들이 이곳에 살고 있다. 이 양로원의 책임자인 윤병주 씨는 그들에게 옷과 음식뿐만 아니라 의료 지원까지 맡고 있다.

이번 휴가 기간에 55헌병 중대는 그들의 젊은 에너지를 가지고 양로원을 방문했다. 이번 방문은 한국군 지원 대장인 안철웅 상사와 55헌병 중대의 중대장인 Vartan 대위가 주관했다.

양로원에 도착하자 한국군과 미군은 그들을 두 개의 그룹으로 나누었다. 그래서 한 그룹은 크리스마스트리와 양로원 입구를 꾸미는 일을 맡았고 다른 한 그룹은 노인들과 음식을 먹으며 좋은 시간을 보냈다.

그러나 55헌병 중대는 여기서 그치지 않고 그 다음날 6명의 노인들을 부대로 초청해 저녁 식사를 함께 했다.

저녁 식사를 마친 후, 병사들은 자랑스럽게 그



Soldiers get a chance to sing along to their favorite Christmas carols during dinner

들의 시설을 소개했다. 이날 노인들은 캠프 Page에서 비디오 감상, 게임, 볼링, 노래 부르기 등을 하면서 휴일의 기분을 맘껏 누릴 수 있었다.

방문을 마치고 윤병주 씨는 노인들과 봉사자들을 대표해서 55헌병 중대에 이번 휴가 기간을 기억에 남을 만큼 즐겁게 해 주어서 감사하다는 뜻을 전했다.

이번 이벤트를 돌이켜 보면서 Vartan대위는 "나이가 들었을 때 젊은 사람들이 제 집을 방문한다면 저는 분명히 즐거워 할 것입니다. 젊은 사람들은 나이든 사람들에게 에너지를 가져다 줍니다. 그러기 때문에 저희가 계속해서 이 양로원을 방문하는 것입니다."

CW2 KING, MAXINE M	915A	728TH/ HHD
SGT JOHNSTON, JEFFREY	31B	728TH / 57TH
SPC ARMBRUSTER, KATHRYN ANN	31B	94TH / 557TH
LTC BJARNASON, JOHN	56A	HHC
SFC HEINEN, CHRISTOPHER	31B	728TH/ HHD
SFC HILLIS, JOHNNIE	31B	728TH/ 57TH
SSG BILLO, MICHAEL	31B	94TH/ HHD
SSG STEPHENS, TRAPANGER	31B	728TH/ 552ND
SSG FELLOWS, DALE S.	91W	728TH/ 188TH
PV1 RODRIGUEZ, DOMINICK A.	63B	728TH/ 188TH
PV2 YI, HEY JIN	31B	728TH/ 57TH
MSG TOVEN, GORDON K.	31B	94TH/ HHD
SFC COLEMAN, CHRISTOPHER M.	31B	94TH/557TH
PFC BARNES, JARED C.	31B	728TH/ 188TH
PFC RICE, JANINE M.	31B	728TH/ 188TH
PFC RODDY, DIANA JO	31B	728TH/ 188TH
PFC GUMPERT, BENJAMIN K.	31B	94TH/142ND
PFC VIEIRA, SERGIO R.	63B	94TH/ 557TH
PV2 TUSKEY, ASHLEY N.	31B	94TH/ 55TH
PV2 SPIELMAKER, ROY W.	31B	728TH/ 552ND
PV2 FRANCOIS, JOSEPH K.	31B	728TH/ 57TH
PV2 CARLSON, CALE L.	31B	728TH/ 57TH
PV1 JOHNSTON, EUBANK III	31B	728TH/ 188TH

